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APPLICANTS: Lazarus et al.
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TITLE: PACKAGED STRAIN ACTUATOR

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Box Patent Application
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, Applicants hereby make of record the references listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of the references are not enclosed as these references were previously cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in a prior application (U.S.S.N. 08/943,645) that is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

REMARKS

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):

- (1) within three (3) months of the **Filing Date** or before the mailing date of the **First Office Action** on the merits; or
- (2) after the period defined in (1) but before the mailing date of a **Final Rejection** or **Notice of Allowance**, and
 - the requisite Statement is below, **OR**
 - the requisite fee under Rule 1.17(p), namely **\$240.00**, is included herein, or
- (3) after the mailing date of a **Final Rejection** or **Notice of Allowance** but before the payment of the **Issue Fee**, **AND**
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It is respectfully requested that each of the references shown on the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record in this application.

STATEMENT

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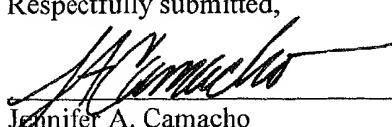
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Respectfully submitted,

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	A3	4,240,002	12/80	Tosi et al.	310	324	
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	A6	4,578,611	03/86	Sadler	310	338	
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EXAM. INIT.	OTHER DOCUMENTS: (Including Author, Title, Date, Relevant Pages, Place of Publication)	
	C1	R/flex Circuit Materials Product Data Sheet DS20903J, "Flex-I-MID 3000, High Performance Adhesiveless Circuit Materials", by Rogers Corporation, Microwave and Circuit Materials Division.

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